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Which the SPEAKER of the
House of Commons

Made unto the

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In the House of LORDS, at His
Passing of the BILLS therein mentioned,
on the day of their

Adjournment ;

BEING
The Thirteenth day of *September*,
in the Year of Our Lord, 1660.

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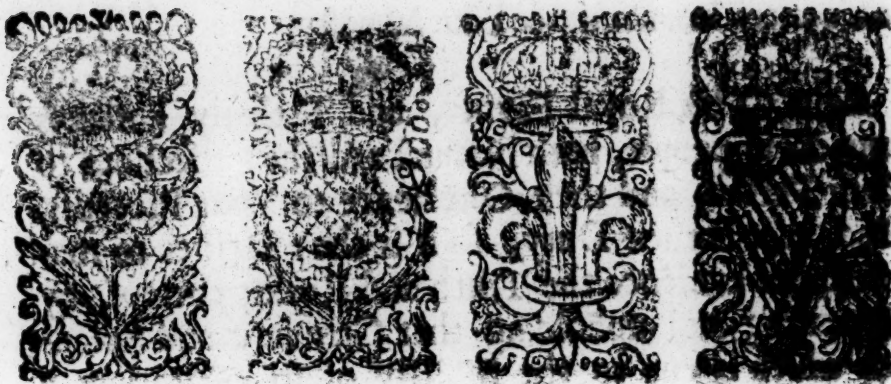
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My Gracious and Royal Sovereigne,



Our Commons, the Knights, Citi-
zens and Burgeses now assembled
in Parliament, have commanded
Me to present Your Majesty with
the Sacrifices of their Hearts,
most humble Thanks, for their ot-
ten and frequent admissions, this
Parliament, unto your Royal Pre-
sence, and for that Freedom You have been pleased

to allow them upon all occasions, of making their wants and desires known unto Your Majesty.

SIR, This Royal Favour, and Fatherly kindness unto Your people, hath Naturalized their affections to Your Person, and their Obedience to Your Precepts. And as it is their Duty, so it is their Desires to manifest and evidence the Truth and Reality thereof, by supporting and upholding that Grandure and Splendor which is due to the Majesty of so meritorious a Prince as Your self. And therefore they have Resolved, *uno flatu, & nemine contradicente*, to make up Your Majesties constant and ordinary Revenue Twelve hundred thousand pounds *per annum*.

But finding as to the Settlement of some parts of that Revenue, that there will be a necessity of making use of the Legislative Power, and that the Bills already brought into their House for that purpose cannot possibly be perfected, dispatched and made ready for Your Royal assent, until the next meeting of Your Houses of Parliament again, therefore they have taken into their considerations Your Majesties present supply, and first, how to raise it in the most expeditious way, to answer Your Majesties urgent occasions, and then how to lay it with most ease and equality upon Your people; and at last they wrapt up their Affections to Your Majesty, and the trust reposed in them by the People, in one of these Bills here in my hand, Entitled, *An Act for the speedy raising of Seventy thousand pounds*

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pounds for the present supply of Your Majesty, to be leavied by way of a Land Rate, within the space of onemoneth, to begin the Nine and Twentieth day of this present September, and to be paid into Your Majesties Exchequer, before the end of October following.

S I R,

They have likewise passed another Bill, with Rules and Instructions to impower and direct your Commissioners how and in what way and manner to disband Your Army and Garrisons, and to pay off some part of your Fleet, and to begin with those ships now in Harbour. But not knowing for certain whether the moneys to come in upon the Poll Bill, which is designed for that purpose, will be sufficient fully to defray that charge, and being unwilling that any thing should be wanting on their parts, to perfect and compleat so good a work, a work so acceptable to Your Majesty, and so gratefull to all Your people, they have passed another Bill, for the raising of Seventy thousand pounds by Seventy thousand pounds *per mensem*, to begin the First of November, and to be paid to Your Majesties Treasurers, in that Bill nominated and appointed, before the Five and twentieth day of December next ensuing. Both which Bills I am commanded in the name of Your Commons, humbly to present Your Majesty withall, and to pray Your gracious acceptance thereof, and Your Royal assents thereunto.

S I R,

SIR,

There are other Bills likewise, which attend and wait for Your Royal assent.

One Entituled, *An Act for Regulating the Bay Trade*, which is the only way to keep up the credit of that which at this time is in some danger to be lost. When the Credit of a Trade begins to decline, the Trade it self ever decays with it, and is never long liv'd after it. Now, many thousands of poor People depend wholly upon that Trade for their Livelyhood and Subsistence of them and their Families; and as the loss of that Trade would be a very great damage unto Your People, so Your Majesty likewise would find the loss of it in Your Customs; for that commodity hath its vent in Spain and Portugal, from whence we have always quick and rich returns; and to prevent the loss of both, both Prince and People, That Bill is humbly tendered to your Majesty.

SIR,

There is another Bill, Entituled, *An Act for Encouraging and Increasing Shipping and Navigation*, which will enable Your Majesty to give the Law to Forraign Princes abroad, as your Royal Predecessors have done before You; and it is the only way to enlarge Your Majesties Dominions all over the World; for so long as You Majesty is Master at Sea, Your Merchants will be welcome

welcome wherever they come; and that is the easiest way of conquering, and the cheapest way of making what forever is theirs, ours. And when it is ours, Your Majesty cannot want it.

SIR,

There is another Bill Entitled, *An Act for restoring some Ministers into their places*, out of which they have been long, and most injuriously ejected and expelled; and for the confirming others in vacant places: crazy titles need Your Majesties help, as much as crazy bodies need the help of the Physitian. And what your Majesty hath already done in that kinde this Parliament, and what You are now about to do, and what You have ever expressed Your readiness to do; If We could be as ready to receive, as Your Majesty is to give, will, We hope, vanish and banish all fears and jealousies out of mens minds for the future, and teach them how with much confidence and contentedness, to rest and wholly rely upon Your Majesties Grace and Goodness, for what may be further thought necessary to be done hereafter, when a fitting opportunity shall be offered, at the next meeting of Your Houses in Parliament.

Royal Sir,

We humbly beg Your Pardon for making thus bold with Your patience, and therefore to pretermis
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and pass over some other Bills which are not of such Publick concernment, as those I have now already mentioned, We most humbly crave Your Majesties favour and leave to conclude all Our work at this time, with that which is Our delight aswell as Our duty; To pray for Your Majesties long Life, and Happy, Blessed and Prosperous Reign over Us.

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